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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President, Mr. George Papadatos (Greece), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1995/L.28

Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 49/128 of 19 December 1994 on the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, 1/ including the Programme of Action of the Conference, 2/ and bearing in mind Economic and Social Council decision 1995/.. of .. July 1995,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/128; 3/

1/ Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1).

2/ Ibid., chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

3/ A/50/190-E/1995/73.

2. Notes the action taken so far by Governments and the international community to implement the Programme of Action and encourages them to strengthen their efforts in this regard in a concerted and coordinated manner;

3. Endorses the terms of reference proposed by the Commission on Population and Development in the report on its twenty-eighth session, 4/ which reflect the comprehensive and integrated nature of population and development, and decides that, in addition to those terms of reference, the Commission should review the findings of research and analysis pertaining to the interrelationship between population and development at the national, regional and global levels and advise the Council thereon;

4. Decides that Government representatives nominated to serve on the Commission should have the relevant background in population and development;

5. Also decides that the Commission should monitor the progress made in achieving the targets for financial resources set out in chapters XIII and XIV of the Programme of Action, taking fully into account paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 49/128;

6. Further decides, bearing in mind the new terms of reference, new mandate and work programme of the Commission, to enlarge the Commission's membership at a resumed session of the Council no later than 31 December 1995, recognizing the importance of adequate representation;

7. Endorses the multi-year work programme proposed by the Commission in the report on its twenty-eighth session; 4/

8. Recalls that the General Assembly, in paragraph 28 (c) of its resolution 49/128, requested the Council to consider the submission of recommendations to the Secretary-General regarding the establishment of an appropriate inter-agency coordination, collaboration and harmonization mechanism for the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

9. Notes that the Secretary-General has established an inter-agency task force, with the United Nations Population Fund as the lead agency, for the implementation of the Programme of Action, and welcomes the intention of the

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4/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 7 (E/1995/27), annex I.

Secretary-General to report through the Commission to the Council on the work of the task force, so as to ensure system-wide cooperation in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

10. Further notes that the work programme of the Commission set out in its report contains a request that the work of the Inter-Agency Task Force be expanded to include migration issues; 5/

11. Invites the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the Secretariat and other relevant agencies and organizations, in particular the United Nations Population Fund, to work closely in the preparation of reports for the Commission;

12. Also invites the Department, in its report to the Commission, to analyse and evaluate relevant comparative international information on population and development issues, focus on issues that need further clarification and present suggestions for recommendations by the Commission;

13. Recommends that the General Assembly at its fiftieth session consider further, in the context of the comprehensive review of the implementation of its resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, the establishment of a separate executive board for the United Nations Population Fund, taking into account the role of the Fund in the follow-up of the implementation of the Programme of Action and bearing in mind the administrative, budgetary and programme implications of such a proposal.

5/ Ibid., annex I, sect. III.